

Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions, comprising:

receiving input of a value corresponding to a first field of a first object that maintains plan data;

receiving additional input corresponding to a second field of a second object that maintains plan data;

receiving input that defines a hierarchical relationship between the first and second objects such that a value in the second field is at least partially based on the first field as a result of the hierarchical relationship, such that the hierarchical relationship is definable by the user and reconfigurable by the user with regard to the relationship between the first and second objects;

developing a plan by running a simulation on objects that maintain the plan data including the first and second objects;

receiving input of a new value for the first field; and

developing a new plan by running a simulation on objects that maintain the plan data, including the first and second objects, in which in the new plan, the new value changes the information in the second field.

2. (canceled)

3. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 1 wherein the plan is a financial plan and wherein the first field represents a date.

4. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 3 wherein the second field represents a date based on the first field.

5. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 1 wherein the plan is a financial plan and wherein the first field represents an amount.

6. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 5 wherein the second field represents a date conditional on the amount represented in the first field.

7. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 1 wherein the plan is a financial plan and wherein the first field represents a rate.

8. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 7 wherein the second field represents a date conditional on the rate represented in the first field.

9. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 1 having further computer-executable instructions comprising receiving input corresponding to an adjustment value related to the second field.

10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 1 having further computer-executable instructions comprising associating a plurality of objects in a package object.

12. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 1 having further computer-executable instructions comprising disabling at least one object.

13. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 12 having further computer-executable instructions comprising enabling at least one previously disabled object.

14. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 13 wherein developing a plan by running a simulation includes arranging a list of objects that includes enabled objects and excludes disabled objects.

15. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 14 wherein developing a plan by running a simulation includes removing expired objects from the list.

16. (original) The computer-readable medium of claim 1 wherein receiving input information includes synchronizing plan elements with data from another program.

17. (currently amended) In a computer system, a method of organizing information related to a plan, comprising, providing access to a limited number of objects to a user, each object having fields therein for maintaining plan information, receiving first user input information including a value associated with a first field of a first object, receiving second user input information associated with a second field of a second object, the second input information specifying a relationship of the second field with the first field such that the relationship is definable by the user and reconfigurable by the user with regard to the relationship between the first and second objects, disabling at least one object, and developing a plan including running a simulation that excludes each disabled object.

18. (original) The method of claim 17 wherein providing access to a limited number of objects to a user includes providing a user interface.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising, enabling a disabled object into an enabled object and running another simulation based on the plan objects including the enabled object.

20. (currently amended) A system for outputting a plan, comprising, a user interface for presenting a limited number of plan objects to a user and for receiving data for a first field of a first plan object and data for a second field of a second plan object, the data of the second field having a value linked to the data of the first field via a hierarchical relationship between the first and second objects, such that the hierarchical relationship is definable by a user and reconfigurable by the user with regard to the relationship between the first and second objects, the user interface further providing a mechanism that allows plan objects to be selectively disabled, and a planner engine for developing a plan by running a simulation on plan objects while excluding any disabled plan objects.

21. (original) The system of claim 20 wherein the objects are arranged in a hierarchy.

22. (previously presented) The system of claim 21 wherein excluding any disabled plan objects comprises automatically excluding any object hierarchically below a plan object disabled via the user interface mechanism.

23. (original) The system of claim 20 wherein the first field represents an amount.

24. (original) The system of claim 23 wherein the second field represents a date conditional on the amount represented in the first field.

25. (original) The system of claim 20 wherein the plan is a financial plan and wherein the first field represents a rate.

26. (original) The system of claim 25 wherein the second field represents a date conditional on the rate represented in the first field.

27. (original) The system of claim 20 wherein at least one of the fields includes an adjustment value.

28. (original) The system of claim 20 wherein at least one field includes a mechanism for indicating to the planner engine that said field is disabled.

29. (canceled)

30. (canceled)

31. (original) The system of claim 20 wherein at least one field includes a mechanism for indicating to the planner engine that said field is enabled.

32. (original) The system of claim 20 wherein at least one object includes a mechanism for indicating to the planner engine that said object is enabled.

33. (previously presented) The system of claim 21 further comprising a synchronization mechanism for synchronizing plan objects with data from another program.

34. (previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 16 wherein synchronizing plan elements with data from another program includes synchronizing only the plan elements that have been previously identified for synchronization.

35. (previously presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the objects are arranged in a hierarchy, and wherein developing a plan including running a simulation that excludes each disabled object, including automatically excluding any disabled plan objects hierarchically below a disabled plan object.

36. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions, comprising,

providing access to a limited number of objects to a user, each object having fields therein for maintaining plan information,

receiving first user input information including a value associated with a first field of a first object,

receiving second user input information associated with a second field of a second object, the second input information specifying a relationship of the second field with the first field, such that the relationship is definable by the user and

reconfigurable by the user with regard to the relationship between the first and second objects;

disabling at least one object, and

developing a plan including running a simulation that excludes each disabled object.

37. (previously presented) The system of claim 33 wherein the synchronization mechanism synchronizes only the objects or fields that have been previously identified for synchronization.